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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN BUSINESS VISITORS HADDAD ET AL

1. IN PREPARATION FOR VISIT OF TUNISIAN BUSINESSMEN, USDOC HAS CONTACTED DIAMOND INTERNATIONAL, THE AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL, AND AZZOUZ ENNIFAR OF API, AMONG OTHERS.

2. ENNIFAR HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF VISIT, ALTHOUGH TWO OF TRAVELLERS KNOWN TO HIM PERSONALLY. REPRESENTATIVES OF DIAMOND INTERNATIONAL HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF EITHER VISIT OR CONTRACT. THEY REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM THEIR GERMAN SUBSIDIARY, WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR AREA INCLUDING TUNISIA.

3. TO DATE, USDOC HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PUT MORE ON SCHEDULE THAN VISIT TO BELTSVILLE (TENTATIVELY 9:00 AM ON DECEMBER 17 - PERSONS FROM ABROAD MUST BE IN COUNTRY FOR MINIMUM OF SEVEN DAYS BEFORE VISITING BELTSVILLE).

4. USDOC SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE MORE COMPLETE PROGRAM
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READY WHEN GROUP ARRIVES. HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE

FOLLOWING INFORMATION: A) DOES GROUP HAVE ENGLISH SPEAKING
CAPABILITY? B) WILL THEY BE ABLE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE
U.S.? C) WHAT ARE SPECIFICALLY THEIR INTERESTS, E.G. EQUIP-

MENT PURCHASES? LICENSING? JOINT VENTURES? D) WHAT ARE
NAMES OF COMPANIES VISITORS REPRESENT AND ARE WTDR'S
CURRENT? E) WHAT DOES CONTRACT WITH DIAMOND PROVIDE?
(USDOC WISHES AVOID PROGRAMMING THAT MIGHT CONFLICT WITH
BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SETTLED).
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